

THE GUILD OF ST. BARNABAS

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THE Hartford Branch of the Guild of St. Barnabas held its March meeting on the afternoon of Friday, the 18th day of the month, at Christ Church Parish-House, with a very good attendance. The service, beginning at three o'clock, was conducted in the chapel by the chaplain of the guild, the Rev. Dr. Hart, and the Rev. James Goodwin, one of the priests-associate and rector of the parish. The business meeting and social hour following the service were held in the rooms of the Girls' Friendly Society of Christ Church, on Church Street. There was the usual five-minutes' reading about the work being done by nurses in the mission field, work in Alaska being chosen for the subject on this occasion. The secretary read an interesting letter she had received from one of our nurses, Miss Mayes, who was on duty in the hospital in Baltimore which was burned in the recent fire. Matters of local importance and interest took up a good share of the time, and discussions lasted through the social hour, while cake and coffee were being served. Owing largely to a very busy season, the attendance at the meeting in April at Trinity Parish-House was very small, and it was decided to depart from the regular routine and spend the evening in informal discussions and social intercourse, which proved both profitable and entertaining, but much regret was felt that so few were present. On the afternoon of Wednesday, May 24, a goodly number of nurses and associates of the Hartford Branch met at the Memorial Parish-House of the Church of the Good Shepherd. The business meeting was called to order at three-fifteen. The secretary commenced proceedings by reading letters from Mrs. Howe, our general secretary, and Miss Jack, our general treasurer. Arrangements were made for our annual meeting and social gathering, which will be held on June 11 at the nurses' club-house, 90 Buckingham Street. Miss Beach read a letter received from Miss Naomi Gibbons, announcing her safe arrival in England, and expressing much appreciation for the assistance of the guild, which made it possible for her to return to her home and friends. Much business was transacted during the hour, the results of which will be reported in our next letter. At four-fifteen all adjourned to the church. At the service, conducted by the chaplain, Dr. Hart, three associates were admitted, Miss Lee, of Washington Street; Miss Mabel Johnson, of Elm Street, and Miss Mary Bulkley, of Asylum Avenue.

BOSTON.—The Boston Branch of St. Barnabas Guild held its May meeting at St. Stephen's Parish-House on the evening of Wednesday, the 25th. This was the annual business meeting, so that it was unfortunate more nurses were not able to be present. We had about thirty members. Mr. Kimball presided, our chaplain being absent on account of illness. A report from the Bee showed that we

accomplished something this winter and were able to send boxes of clothes to Miss Murray, White Rock, Utah, and to Miss Wovels at Circle City, Alaska. The beautiful ciborium given to St. Stephen's in memory of Mrs. Sprague was shown to the members, and the surplus sum on hand after its purchase we voted to send Bishop Brent for his missions, as Mrs. Sprague was especially interested in that work. The secretary of the Sick Relief Association made a very satisfactory report, stating that three hundred and six dollars had been paid out during the past year, three full benefits being included in that sum. This branch of the guild has gained thirty-five members during the year, but so many for various reasons have been obliged to drop out that we are left with an increase of only eight. The Executive Committee was re-elected, with Miss Temple and Mrs. Whiteside to fill vacancies which had occurred. The delegates for the Annual Council, which meets in Boston on October 3 and 4, were elected as follows: Associate member, Mrs. Davis; active alternate, Miss Fenno; working member, Miss Macartney; alternate, Miss Morris. After much discussion of the subject a committee was formed, with Miss Jack as chairman, to see that the guild is officially represented at the convention of the Woman's Auxiliary to the Board of Missions to be held in this city in October. Our annual festival will be held on the evening of June 11 at St. Stephen's, when we hope to meet as many of our members as possible.

ORANGE, N. J.—A fine day insured a good attendance at the meeting held on Thursday, May 26, at St. Andrew's Church, South Orange. The rector, the Rev. Charles Pardee, took "Whitsuntide: the Gifts and Fruits of the Holy Spirit," as the subject of his address. The business meeting was held in the parish room. An excellent report was given by Miss B. Drude on the working of the anti-tubercular crusade. It is proposed to employ a special nurse for the care of tubercular patients in their own homes. The various charitable institutions, as well as the public in general, are already taking their parts in aiding these cases, and the nurses now propose to raise the means to employ a nurse at a moderate rate of remuneration for a year at least. That there should be no delay in beginning this needful work, one hundred dollars was voted from the treasury. The balance will be raised by the Alumnae Association and the guild members respectively. Miss Sarah Coomber has accepted the matronship of the "Fresh Air Home" this year; the success of the undertaking is thereby greatly assured. Guild nurses will again volunteer their services for one week each during the season. A committee was appointed to nominate officers at the annual meeting. The Committee on the Pension Fund announced that they hoped a large number of nurses would take the Fall River boat going to Boston on Sunday evening, October 2, that a general discussion may take place in an informal talk before the special committees meet, that the one vital object of the scheme may be realized, and the best possible means of gaining the end may be arrived at, which is a provision for the nurse when her working days are done. Refreshments were served during the pleasant social time that followed.

